

TROPICAL DEPRESSION 04W

I. HIGHLIGHTS

A day after Tropical Depression 03W dissipated over Mindanao, Tropical Depression 04W formed in the near-equatorial trough in the Marshall Islands during a period of enhanced cloudiness associated with a westerly wind burst along the equator. Like its predecessor, Tropical Depression 03W, this tropical cyclone tracked westward through the Caroline Islands and over southern Mindanao, where it dissipated (Figure 3-04-1).

II. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

April

150600Z - The disturbance was first mentioned in the Significant Tropical Weather Advisory as a broad area of persistent convection within the near-equatorial trough.

181900Z - A significant increase in central convection led to the issuance of a Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert (TCFA).

191900Z - The TCFA was canceled due to a steady decrease in the amount of convection during the previous 24 hours.

200200Z - A second TCFA was issued based upon increasing convection over the low-level circulation center and a 20 kt (10 m/sec) ship report in the vicinity.

200600Z - The first warning was released based upon the persistent of a central cloud feature and satellite intensity estimate of 30 kt (15 m/sec).

271800Z - The final warning was issued as the tropical cyclone dissipated over the island of Mindanao in the Philippines.

III. IMPACT

None.

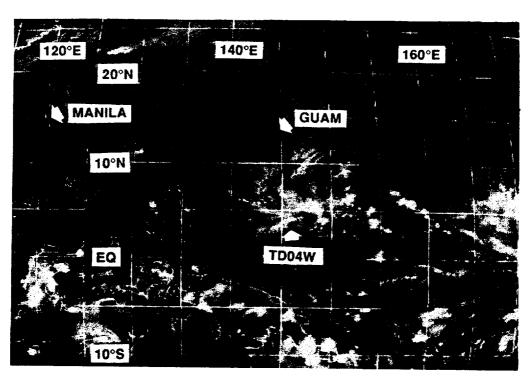


Figure 3-04-1 TD 04W passes to the south of Guam (221130Z April infrared GMS imagery).